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"AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) Not later than July 1,
4 2015, the Department of Children and Families, in collaboration with
5 the Departments of Education and Public Health and Connecticut
6 Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., or a similar entity, shall identify or
7 develop a state-wide sexual abuse and assault awareness and
8 prevention program for use by local and regional boards of education.
9 Such program shall be implemented in each local and regional school
10 district and shall include:

11 (1) For teachers, instructional modules that shall include (A)
12 training regarding the prevention and identification of, and response
13 to, child sexual abuse and assault, and (B) resources to further student,

14 teacher and parental awareness regarding child sexual abuse and
15 assault and the prevention of such abuse and assault;

16 (2) For students, age-appropriate educational materials designed for
17 children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, regarding child
18 sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention that may include,
19 but not be limited to, (A) the skills to recognize (i) child sexual abuse
20 and assault, (ii) boundary violations and unwanted forms of touching
21 and contact, and (iii) ways offenders groom or desensitize victims, and
22 (B) strategies to (i) promote disclosure, (ii) reduce self-blame, and (iii)
23 mobilize bystanders; and

24 (3) A uniform child sexual abuse and assault response policy and
25 reporting procedure that may include, but not be limited to, (A)
26 actions that child victims of sexual abuse and assault may take to
27 obtain assistance, (B) intervention and counseling options for child
28 victims of sexual abuse and assault, (C) access to educational resources
29 to enable child victims of sexual abuse and assault to succeed in
30 school, and (D) uniform procedures for reporting instances of child
31 sexual abuse and assault to school staff members.

32 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, each local and regional board of
33 education shall implement the sexual abuse and assault awareness and
34 prevention program identified or developed pursuant to subsection (a)
35 of this section.

36 (c) No student in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, shall be
37 required by any local or regional board of education to participate in
38 the sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program
39 offered within the public schools. A written notification to the local or
40 regional board of education by the student's parent or legal guardian
41 shall be sufficient to exempt the student from such program in its
42 entirety or from any portion thereof so specified by the parent or legal
43 guardian.

44 (d) If a student is exempted from the sexual abuse and assault

45 awareness and prevention program pursuant to subsection (c) of this
46 section, the local or regional board of education shall provide, during
47 the period of time in which the student would otherwise be
48 participating in such program, an opportunity for other study or
49 academic work."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section